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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON DECLARATION/  
MACHINERY TO HEAR GENERAL STATEMENTS ON MACHINERY,  
JUNE 13 AND 14, 1978

REFS: A) USUN 2141 B) USUN 2172 C)USUN 2186

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1. WORKING GROUP A ON DECLARATION/MACHINERY MET JUNE 13  
AND 14 FOR GENERAL DEBATE ON THE QUESTION OF CHANGES TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY DEALING WITH DISARMAMENT  
ISSUES. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS,  
INCLUDING FRANCE, THE PRC, NORWAY (BARTON GROUP SPOKESMAN  
ON MACHINERY ISSUE), INDIA, ROMANIA, BULGARIA (SPOKESMAN  
FOR EE BLOC COUNTRIES ON MACHINERY), AND THE USSR. THE  
FIRST MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP ON MACHINERY IS  
SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON JUNE 14.

2. AS WOULD BE EXPECTED, DELEGATIONS DID NOT DEPART IN  
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THEIR OPENING REMARKS FROM PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITIONS ON  
MACHINERY (SEE REFTELS). HOWEVER, FRENCH DEL DID MAKE A  
CURIOUS, AND SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR, STATEMENT REGARDING GOF  
READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMANET  
NEGOTIATIONS IN A "REVITALIZED CCD".

FYI: US DEL INTENDS TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF FRENCH REFE-  
RENCE TO CCD PARTICIPATION AND WILL REPORT FRENCH RESPONSE

TO DEPARTMENT. END FYI.

3. IN GENERAL, DELEGATIONS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR TWO TYPES OF MULTILATERAL ORGANS: AN OPEN-ENDED DELIBERATIVE BODY AND A MORE RESTRICTED NEGOTIATING BODY. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA THAT THE DELIBERATIVE ARM OF THE INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT MACHINERY WOULD BE A UN BODY PARTICIPATED IN BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE UN; HOWEVER, POSITIONS DIVERGED ON WHETHER THE DELIBERATIVE MECHANISM WOULD CONSIST OF ONLY A REFORMED FIRST COMMITTEE STRIPPED OF ITS EXTRA-NEOUS AND UNRELATED POLITICAL ISSUES, SUCH AS OUTER SPACE ISSUES; A REVITALIZED UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION (UNDC); OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH FIRST COMMITTEE AND UNDC. REGARDING THE NEGOTIATING MECHANISM, MOST DELEGATIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROMANIA, SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF A NEGOTIATING BODY OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP; HOWEVER, THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT DIRECT TIES BETWEEN THE NEGOTIATING BODY AND THE UN ARE NECESSARY AND, IF SO, EXACTLY WHAT SUCH TIES SHOULD BE. LEONARD

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